

Mpika Relief Fund

Working for the relief of hunger and suffering in the heart of Africa
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Seasons Greetings for Christmas 2010

June's End of Year Message.

Dear Friends & Supporters

A long time has passed since our last Newsletter and I can only apologise for those who support us for not keeping you more regularly updated.

We have come a long way at both sides of the world! From a tiny room in Denholme we now have a large eight room shop and office and a busy shop in Keighley centre.

On our last visit to Africa Pete and I were amazed to see how much things have developed. The orphanage now supports 32 fully resident orphans, all wed fed, loved and educated. The school which is within the grounds now teaches some 320 children, at least one third of whom are orphans the other paying students help to support.

Whilst we were there Jenny told us of a small miracle that had happened last year when the orphanage had run out of baby milk. This took place when we were having trouble sending money through the bank. The monthly payment had not arrived, so when food supplies were getting low Jenny contacted me. I sent some money by Western Union, but unfortunately the local Post Office had not enough money to pay her out. She went to the bank where our regular payments are sent and explained her problem, they would not help, Jenny even texted me in England and I rang the bank manager and pleaded with him but he would not budge, she even went round the local shops who sometimes give her credit but to no avail. Poor Jenny was getting distressed, back at the orphanage they were running out of baby milk, only one tin left and five babies to feed. She instructed the helpers to give the babies water during the day and to save the milk for night feeds. She went to her room and deep in thought she could think of nothing else that she could do, she sighed and left it in God's hands. Some time later a Pastor came by; he saw the orphanage and was curious to know more about it. Jenny showed him around and he was very impressed. When they reached the nursery, many of the babies were crying, so the pastor asked why. Jenny explained about the milk shortage and finished by saying 'don't worry somehow God will provide'. The pastor left, and Jenny returned to her duties. About one hour later the pastor returned with his wife and family and a whole pallet of baby milk. Jenny said in her words, "June, I cried like a fool, I couldn't stop". In the end the pastor, his wife, all the workers and all the children started crying!

There are also 2 new workshops where three tailors and one knitter work away, they make school uniforms for our own school and others as well as other clothing. This also brings in revenue. Most amazingly Jenny has started to produce food on two farms with maize, pumpkins, onions, nuts and much more.

Some of the photos we took are pictured on the right but if you would like to read the full story of our latest trip you can request it by phone or email.



June

Happy, playful children thanks to you.
Please continue to support us



MPIKA Christmas Fayre
Denholme Mechanics Institute
13th November 1pm to 5pm

See over for details

Photos from top left: 1) Boys posing for photo, 2) Some of the children at play 3) Nurses parade outside orphanage grounds to honour Florence Nightingale 4) Jenny and Peter Martin outside new school hall 5) Ladies serving diner to the children 6) Jenny and one of the farmers showing off the crops 7) Clemantine and baby Philemon 8) Goodman, Trisha, Hazel and Marian. 9) Girls Dancing

Mpika Christmas Fair

Sat 13th November

1pm to 5pm

Mechanics Institute

Denholme

Gift Stalls



As New



SPIN the wheel!



Toys

&

Books



Refreshments

Christmas Trees and Decorations

FOR
DONATIONS



Still Wanted

- ➔ Volunteers for the shops and office. We desperately need more helpers even if you can only spare a few hours there is always something helpful you can do – phone Helen on 07766001681
- ➔ Someone to sell donated items on **eBay** for us using the Mpika eBay charity account – contact June - 01274 416226.

Sponsorship

We feel that we have not kept our sponsors well enough informed in the past but hope to change this now we have a new sponsorship secretary – Noelle Thornton. We now hope that we can keep sponsors more informed of how the child that they support is doing.

Anyone interested in supporting a child for care (£15) or for education (£6) should write or email for the attention of Noelle Thornton to the address on the newsletter whereupon they will be sent a sponsorship pack with lots of information enclosed.



The girls sit around after dinner singing songs and braiding each others hair

- ♥ To Buttershaw Congregational Church for their support at their Harvest Festival.
- ♥ To CART for supporting another container to Zambia (just arrived). This is a tremendous help to our Orphanage.
- ♥ To Denholme primary school for their support, and help printing this newsletter.
- ♥ To All Our staff, here and in Zambia for their hard work.
- ♥ To all our supporters.

Thank you very much

Want to get fit?, enjoy walking?

If so join in our spring sponsored walk around the beautiful Bronte countryside. This years walk was blessed with glorious sunshine. The walk is usually held in May and is a great fund raiser last year we raised £750 and had a lot of fun. The is also a shorter walk for less able to join in . Please contact us for more details.

We also offer talks and a slide show free of charge to any group who wish to know more about Mpika. If your school or society wants to know more we will come – just ring and ask.

